Employment Guarantee Scheme

†1706. SHRI MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a warning with regard to Employment Guarantee Scheme has been published by the National Council of Applied Economic Research;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards this warning; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c) The Government is aware that the National Council of Applied Economic Research in their Monthly Report 'MACRO TRACK' of June, 2004 has published an Article, *inter-alia*, containing an assessment of cost involved in implementing of 100 days of Employment Guarantee Scheme.

The Government is already in the process of formulating a National Employment Guarantee Act to guarantee 100 days of employment in a year to one able bodied person in every poor household.

Illegal foreign job recruitment racket

1707. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal foreign job recruitment racket is flourishing in certain States like Kerala and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether agents after extracting huge amounts from unemployed, desperate to find jobs in the foreign countries of promise, often fall prey; and

(c) if so, the measures proposed to stop such rackets at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) There is no such information.

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